

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador
Countdown: Eight Days to the Election – Time is Running Short

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From the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP):

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Voters: Haven't Received Your Ballot? Head to www.fvap.gov now to fill out a ballot. Many states have absentee ballot websites that **allow voters to mark their ballots**, and then print, sign and return by mail, email, fax or online delivery system where allowed by state law. More information at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/evswfactsheet.pdf>.

Additionally, all voters can use our Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) automated backup ballot assistant to vote for Federal candidates. This ballot is accepted by all states from any overseas or military voter who has registered and requested a ballot for the November General Election. If you receive your state ballot after submitting the FWAB, vote and return it as well. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the state ballot will be counted.

- **States that require absentee ballots to arrive prior to Election Day:** Mississippi*, North Carolina.
- **States that require absentee ballots to be postmarked prior to Election Day:** Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, New York, North Dakota, Ohio**, Pennsylvania, Utah.

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If you have not yet registered to vote, or requested your ballot, you may still have time. Each state has different registration and ballot request deadlines and many states are still accepting applications.

- **States still accepting ballot requests where registration is not required:** Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wisconsin*.
- **States still accepting registration and ballot requests:** Arizona, Connecticut*, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia*, Washington.
- **States still accepting ballot requests from registered voters:** Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut**, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia**, West Virginia, Wisconsin**.

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****Overseas Citizens Only**

To register or request an absentee ballot use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). Go to www.fvap.gov and follow the prompts to register and request an absentee ballot. Many states allow you to submit the FPCA by email or fax in addition to regular mail which will get your ballot on its way immediately. The instructions in your application package will tell you how you can submit the form.

For US Citizens currently living or serving in the following countries, FVAP recommends mailing your ballot in no later than:

- **October 23rd:** Djibouti; Aviano, Italy.
- **October 25th:** Belgium; Denmark; England; Finland; France; Germany; Israel; Italy; Netherlands; Norway; Portugal; Spain; Turkey.
- **October 26th:** Airstops throughout Afghanistan; Bahrain; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Egypt; Airstops throughout Iraq; Kuwait; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; United Arab Emirates; Bulgaria; Canada; Crete; Greece; Iberian Peninsula; Seychelles; Australia; Antarctica; China; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Marshall Island; New Zealand; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand; Wake Island Atoll; Bahamas; Ecuador; El Salvador; Guyana; Honduras; Nicaragua; Paraguay.

Service members overseas may Express mail their absentee ballots FREE of charge from any MPO/FPO or American embassy and consulate – just ask them to use the DoD Label 11. This label allows the voter to track their ballots at www.usps.com. Find out more about this new label at www.fvap.gov.

The Electronic Transmission Service (ETS) – FVAP's ETS enables local election officials and voters to transmit and receive election materials toll-free via fax or email. ETS also provides a fax-to-email conversion when a voter only has email available to them. The [Electronic Transmission Cover Sheet](#) must be used when faxing or emailing election materials. Packages can be faxed to: 1-800-368-8683 or (703) 696-2148; emailed to ets@fvap.gov. More information can be found in the [ETS Instruction Manual](#).

The 2010 Post Election Survey - For the November 2010 general election, FVAP will be conducting a Congressionally mandated post-election survey of citizens covered by the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*. Six separate groups will be surveyed: Active Duty Military, Unit Voting Assistance Officers, Department of State Voting Assistance Officers, Military Spouses, Stateside Local Election Officials and Overseas U.S. Citizens. The surveys will measure voter participation in the 2010 election among UOCAVA citizens and solicit their opinions regarding FVAP programs and activities. If you are selected as a survey participant, your participation will be critical so we can accurately assess your absentee voting experience and provide the best possible assistance to absentee voters. All responses will be strictly confidential, will be used solely by FVAP, and will not be shared with any other governmental agency.

Additional information:

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at www.fvap.gov, 1-800-438-8683, DSN (312) 425-1584, or at vote@fvap.gov. Toll-free phone numbers from 67 countries are listed at: www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreephone.html. With your feedback, we can make this even more helpful for the next election.

Helpful links:

U.S. Embassy, Quito Voting Information Site: <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/service/living-in-ecuador/voting-overseas.html>

Federal Voting Assistance Program: <http://www.fvap.gov/>

National Voter Registration form: http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/register_to_vote.aspx

U.S. Election Assistance Commission: <http://www.eac.gov>

Overseas Vote Foundation: <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/>

- OVF on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ythvoteoverseas>
- OVF in Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Youth-Vote-Overseas/110570138939>

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador through the [Department of State's travel registration website](#).

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the [Department's website](#). Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone number for American Citizen Service (ACS) inquiries is (011 593-2) 398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Appointments for ACS are available through our [website](#).

The [U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil](#) is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies.

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